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LIOUID DROPLET AEROSOLS OF

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated April 29, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for claims 51, 84, and 85 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version of Claims with Markings to Show Changes Made."

51. (Once amended)

An aerosol composition of an aqueous dispersion of

nanoparticulate drug particles, wherein:

(a) essentially each droplet of the aerosol comprises at least one nanoparticulate drug particle, wherein the drug has a solubility in said aqueous dispersion of less than about 10 mg/mL;

(b) the droplets of the aerosol have a mass median aerodynamic diameter (MMAD) less than or equal to about 100 microns; and

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